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NOTE TO: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence

Bill -

Senator Boschwitz has asked us to send someone to a Senate Foreign Relations Committee Hearing tomorrow afternoon on the Middle East. Assistant Secretary Murphy will be the principal witness and the purpose of the hearing is to have a wide ranging discussion of the Middle East and South Asia.

Given our past experience at being whip-sawed between the Congress and the policymakers in such joint appearances, I have told OLL politely to turn down the request while noting that we would be happy to come up separately and brief on any aspect of the Middle East at the Committee's convenience.

Word is that Boschwitz might call you on this tomorrow to get you to overturn the decision and send someone. I have alerted for that possibility. If for any of several reasons you would like to accommodate Senator Boschwitz, a reversal of the above line will cause me no pain. Absent such compelling reasons, however, I think we would be wise to try and reinforce the practice of not appearing jointly before Committees other than the two Oversight Committees.

Bar
Agree with you

Robert M. Gates

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